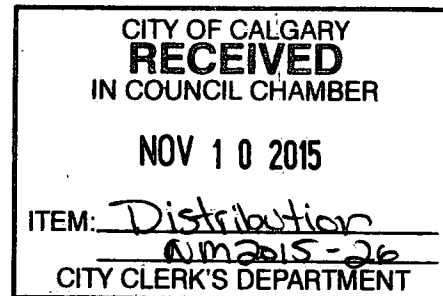




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Dear Councillor Farrell,

RE: NM2015-26 and NM2015-27

We would like to express our support for the two motions before council in addressing damage to the public realm during construction. A common concern amongst our member communities when it comes to re-development is the impact of construction on their neighborhoods. Damage to our public realm affects the look, feel, and usability of our neighbourhoods. It also impacts our city as a whole.

We fully support any efforts which aim to lessen the potential negative side-effects of re-development on Calgary's communities while they undergo growth and change. The City often asks that residents uphold the Community Standards bylaw which is used to promote and strengthen community standards through voluntary compliance. The community standards bylaw aims to promote safe and enjoyable neighbourhoods by regulating neighbourhood nuisances such as untidy properties. If residents are expected to maintain a certain standard of the existing environment, then those that introduce changes to our community should also be accountable to similar standards. We are all responsible for our city. Improved inspections processes, training, and better coordination of current resources are keys to reducing the negative impact that construction can have on communities.

Keeping our sidewalks in good repair is important for accessible and walkable communities, and we support Councillor Farrell's motions to address this issue.

Sincerely,

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